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McNeely named DEQ assistant secretary for environmental compliance

BATON ROUGE – Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Secretary Peggy Hatch named Chance McNeely assistant secretary for environmental compliance, a recently vacated unclassified position, effective Jan. 12. McNeely was previously a policy advisor in the Office of the Governor where he served as a liaison to DEQ.

“I appreciate the opportunity to serve the people of Louisiana in this new capacity. Working with stakeholders and DEQ staff to advance the agency’s efforts to protect Louisiana’s environment and the well-being of its citizens will be my top priority,” McNeely said.

A native of Stonewall in Desoto Parish, McNeely graduated from LSU with a bachelor’s degree in agricultural business. Before joining the Jindal administration, McNeely served as legislative staff member in the U.S. House of Representatives with a focus on energy and environmental issues.

“Chance McNeely brings a fresh dynamic to the job,” Hatch said. “His background in government and policy give him a unique perspective on the process of environmental regulation.”

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